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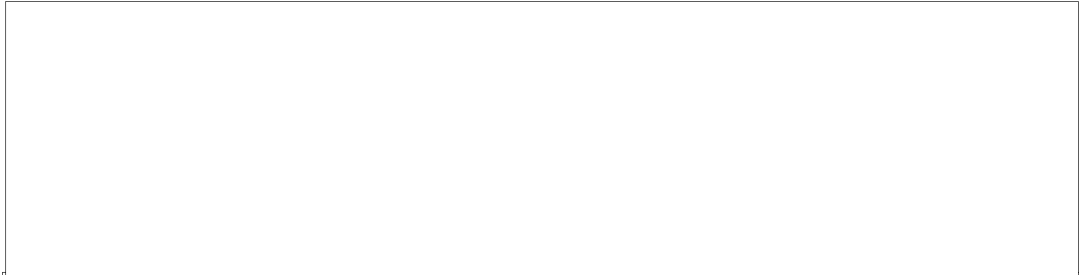
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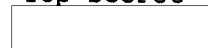
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HONDURAS: Negotiations Free Some Hostages

Members of the guerrilla group Cinchoneros--a militant faction of the Honduran Communist Party--seized over 100 prominent Honduran and foreign businessmen on Friday at the Chamber of Commerce in San Pedro Sula, near the Guatemalan border. Some senior officials of the Honduran Government are among the hostages, and the terrorists have threatened to execute their captives unless demands are met. Chief among these is the release of approximately 60 leftist political prisoners

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While this incident is likely to precipitate renewed political debate in Honduras over the government's strong anti-Communist stance in the region, it also could provide valuable propaganda against the left internationally.

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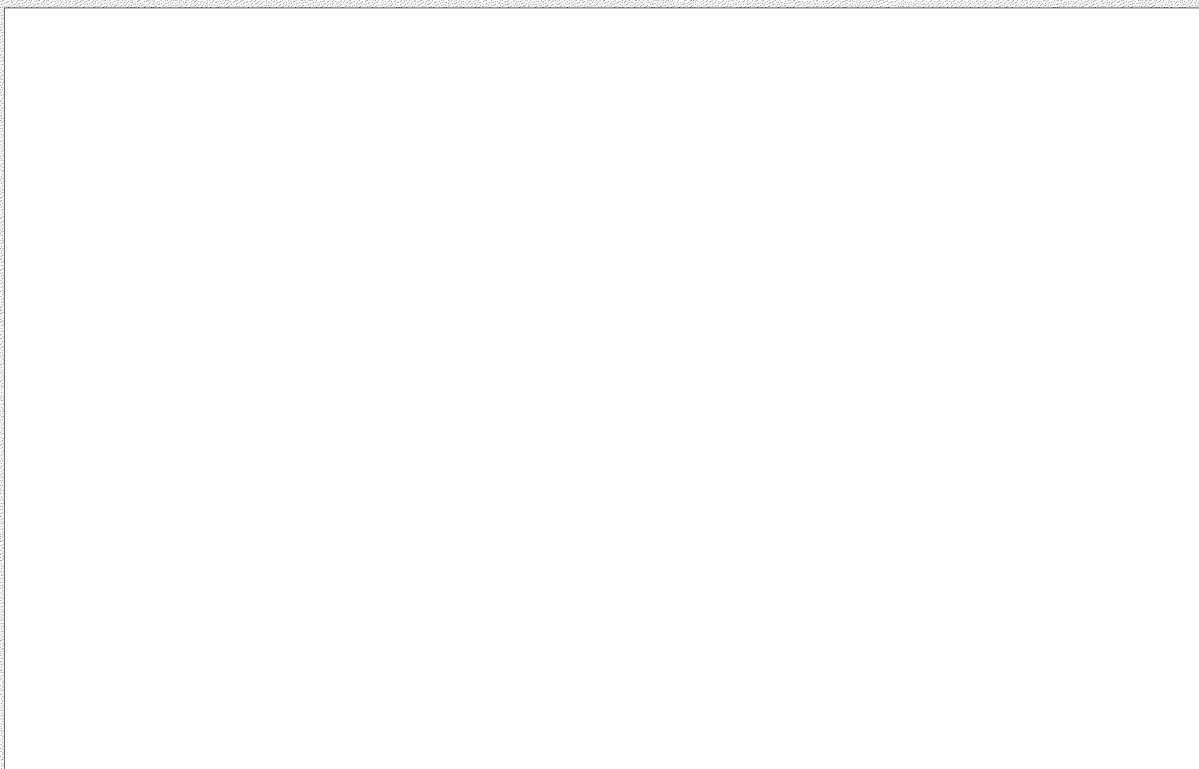
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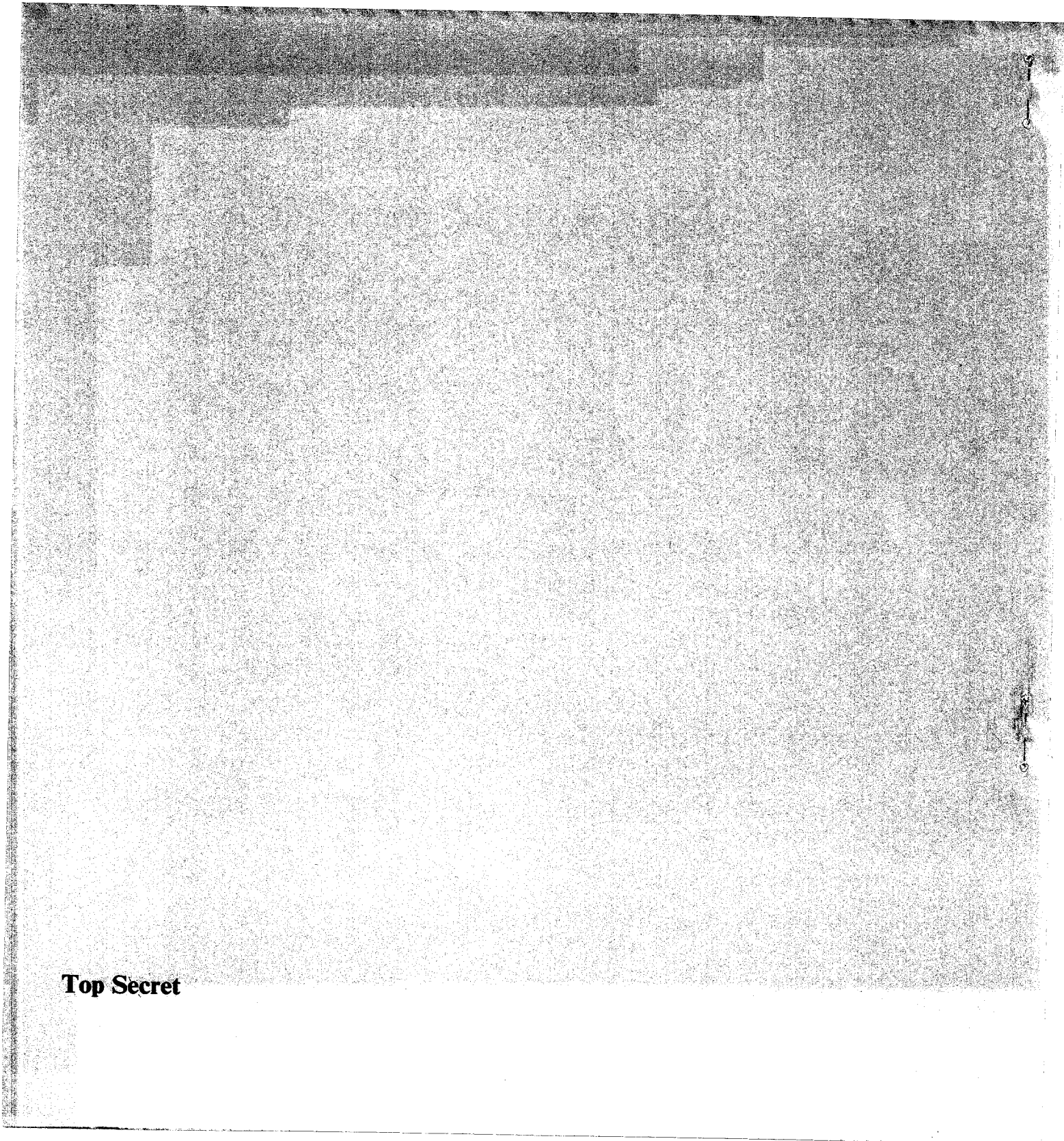
Belgrade recently registered its concern over the Warsaw Pact's "Shield 82" exercise in Bulgaria, the largest in more than a decade in the Balkans. An authoritative foreign affairs commentator in a radiobroadcast last Tuesday condemned all major exercises in Europe but criticized "Shield 82" as preparing for "military actions outside Bulgaria's frontiers." Neighboring Albania also has expressed disapproval of the exercise. 

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